

RESOLUTION NO. 3-4-23a-14

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AS PROPOSED IN
BOEM PEIS OPT A and OPT B

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to harm marine life; and

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach is a municipality in Pender County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B are not yet fully understood by scientists, the Oil & Gas industry, or BOEM, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation of those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach does not believe seismic testing as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is the safest way to map oil & gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach, North Carolina, are opposed to seismic testing as proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

This Resolution adopted the 23rd day of April 2014.

Attest:

Christina Watkins
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Town Clerk


Howard M Braxton Jr.
Mayor